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Application of: Stephan Jaeger

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Serial No.: 10/087,631

Art Unit: 1637

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Examiner: Wilder, Cynthia B

For: A METHOD FOR THE
DETERMINATION OF A
NUCLEIC ACID USING A
CONTROL

Attorney Docket No: 1803-335-999

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the non-final Office Action mailed August 7, 2003, in connection with the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendment and remarks that follow is kindly solicited.

Enclosed herewith is a Second Information Disclosure Statement.

Present in this paper are:

Amendments to the Specification beginning on page 2;

Amendments to the Claims reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3;

Remarks beginning on page 5; and

Exhibits 1-5 following page 13.